

Mayor Nickels Awards over \$190,000 to Neighborhood Projects at SMALL AND SIMPLE AWARDS CEREMONY AND IDEAS FAIR



Mayor Nickels and CM Clark distribute awards

Mayor Nickels announced funding for 17 neighborhood projects through the Department of Neighborhoods' Matching Fund. This season's awards include projects from all over the city and range from park, playground and street improvements to art projects and community building.

"These awards show the great spirit of community that is alive and thriving in each of our neighborhoods," said Mayor Nickels. "These groups and their projects are accomplishing great things for their neighborhoods."

Four times a year, Small and Simple Project Fund Awards are given to groups committed to building a better community by matching public funds with locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor. The 17 awards totaling \$190,859 range from \$1,550 to \$15,000. In addition to the city's contribution to the projects, the communities will "match" the city's dollars with local resources valued at \$238,821.

"The people who carry out these projects make a huge difference for their neighborhoods and our city. Their work

creates a more livable Seattle by improving our parks, making our streets safer and providing art for everyone to experience and enjoy." said Councilmember Sally Clark.

Bernie Matsuno, Acting Director of Neighborhoods, said, "We have a great mix of projects from all over the city. They include design and planning, playground renovations in time for summer, and public art projects."

Also included in the evening's festivities was an Ideas Fair, which Neighborhood Matching Fund staff facilitated, which was a technical workshop on application development and provided one-on-one consultation. A workshop in Spanish was also provided.

The Small and Simple Projects Fund is one of four components of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and provides awards \$15,000 and under to support community driven projects that take up to six months to complete. Seattle neighborhoods have completed more than 2500 projects in the last 16 years using as little as \$100 and as much \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. 🌐



Ideas Fair participants discuss projects



CM Sally Clark talks with community member

Neighborhood Matching Fund Spring Small and Simple Awards

Parks Projects

Project Name	Neighborhood Organization	Match Amount	NMF Amount
Denny Park Play Space Description: This project will hire a project manager to develop schematic plans for Denny Park to revitalize the park as a neighborhood gathering place.	Friends of Denny Park	\$26,375	\$15,000
University Circle Park Renovation and Placemaking Description: This project will renovate the park by planting rhododendrons, azaleas and three small trees and adding a bench to create a meeting place for the neighbors and a natural playscape for small children.	Hawthorne Hills Community Club	\$ 2,915	\$ 2,415
Licton Springs Wetlands Restoration and Community Outreach Project Description: This project seeks to amend the park's existing Vegetation Management Plan and set priorities for ongoing restoration and to expand community outreach by producing an informational flyer and an issue of the community newsletter devoted to the park.	Friends of Licton Springs Playground	\$ 6,725	\$ 6,986
History Bench Project – Roanoke Park Description: This project seeks to add 11 benches to Roanoke Park, each with a history plaque describing an event which took place in or around Roanoke Park.	Roanoke Beautification Council	\$24,967	\$ 8,500
University Neighborhood Beekeepers Association Apiary Refurbishment Description: This project seeks funds to implement educational signage and an interactive exhibit, to rebuild a storage shed for supplies, and to fence and landscape the Apiary, located in the Washington Park Arboretum.	University Neighborhood Beekeepers Association	\$ 9,070	\$ 6,983
Kiwanis Wildlife Corridor (KWC) Restoration – Phase 3 Description: This project is an extension of two previous phases of work to convert the KWC from invasive non-native species to a restored native plant community. Restoration of this wildlife corridor will complete a critical habitat linkage between Discovery Park, Kiwanis Ravine, Salmon Bay and Shilshole Bay.	Heron Habitat Helpers	\$15,230	\$15,000
Totals		\$85,282	\$54,884

Street Projects

Conceptual Design for Sidewalks on N 100th St Description: This project sees to create a conceptual design for sidewalks on both sides of N 100th St in the Licton Springs neighborhood.	Licton Springs Community Council	\$ 7,650	\$15,000
Beacon Ridge Improvement Community Public Stairway Safety Improvement Project Description: This project will develop a comprehensive conceptual construction and design plan to improve the safety, pedestrian access and attractiveness of the four SDOT stairways in North Beacon Hill.	Beacon Ridge Improvement Community (BRIC)	\$11,940	\$15,000
Totals		\$19,590	\$30,000

Art Projects

Lake City Coffee Pot Pergola Sculpture – Bench	Lake City Community Council	\$ 3,798	\$ 3,730
	Cladding		
Description: This project seeks to complete the fabrication and installation of the top surface of the concrete arc benches around the perimeter of the existing sculpture with stone and stainless steel edging as designed by Paul Sorey, the sculptor.			
Refugee Artvocacy	The Refugee Resettlement Office	\$ 3,990	\$ 1,550
Description: Refugee Artvocacy is an event highlighting the artistic contributions of refugees to the Seattle community. It is designed to generate awareness of and stimulate dialogue about refugees among the general public.			
Street Beat: The Art of Race and Social Dialogue in Columbia City	Open Circle Theater Youth Program	\$ 7,500	\$15,000
Description: Street Beat creates dialogue between street youth in Columbia City, the Police Department, and neighborhood residents with a unique structure that blends conversation with theater arts to unify participants and community. The social arts conversations lead to the creation of neighborhood performances, an educational video, and a children's book.			
West Edge Sculpture Invitational	West Edge Sculpture Invitational	\$17,075	\$12,568
Description: West Edge Sculpture Invitational is a sculpture exhibit running from July to September 2006 on Harbor Steps and in and around Benaroya Hall. The sculptors are emerging and established artists, presenting original outdoor sculpture. During the exhibit, there will be events staffed with volunteers: First Thursdays (Seattle's open-gallery evening), an artist lecture, a family hands-on event and walking tours of the exhibit hosted by sculptors and volunteers. Maps of the exhibit will be distributed and will provide visitors with information on the artists, the volunteers, the sponsors and events.		Totals	\$32,363
			\$ 32848

Playgrounds

Schmitz Park Elementary School Fitness Course	Schmitz Park Elementary PTSA	\$13,128	\$13,127
Description: This project seeks to construct a fitness course at Schmitz Park Elementary			
John Muir Playground	John Muir Elementary PTSA	\$35,500	\$15,000
Description: John Muir Elementary inhabits a residential neighborhood. The school's large backyard is the close-in neighborhood's largest piece of public open space. Its current primary users are the schools' 300+ students during their school days, the 30+ children enrolled in the before/after/school/summer program operated by Camp Fire, and nearby neighbor kids after school, weekends and whenever school is out of session. This project would develop a new play structure for school and community use.		Totals	\$48,628
			\$28,127

Design/Planning

University Heights Center for the Community Action Plan	The Friends of University Heights	Totals	\$13,308	\$15,000
Description: The Matching funds will enable Friends of University Heights to prepare a site control and revitalization strategy including flexible open space and other community anchor uses. We will hire a Project kManager with expertise in real estate development, finance, and working with diverse stakeholders. Products will include a funding plan, development timeline and leadership structure.				

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BALLARD DISTRICT

CROWN HILL/BALLARD RESIDENTS PLEASED WITH SDOT IMPROVEMENTS

Residents on 14th Ave NW, from NW 85 to Holman Rd, are thrilled with the recent installation of speed bumps along this residential street in Crown Hill. After several years of unsuccessful attempts to address speeding, cut-through traffic, and safety for pedestrians who must utilize the street service, SDOT moved forward with this \$10,000 speed bump installation, paid from the \$100,000 the City Council set aside for pedestrian safety improvements in the Crown Hill neighborhood.

SDOT has agreed to install a four-way stop at the intersection of 22nd Ave NW and NW 57th St. This improvement is recommended in the Ballard Civic Center Master Plan and prompted by the development of the Ballard Library /Neighborhood Service Center and the new Ballard Commons Park located at this intersection. All agree that this will significantly improve safety for those who travel this increasingly busy pedestrian corridor.

BALLARD DISTRICT COUNCIL PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

The Ballard District Council has assembled a group of 11 persons to serve as a task force to consider how the Ballard community might prepare for emergency conditions. This group represents a variety of civic, professional, and technical areas of expertise. Ballard District Coordinator will provide staff support to this effort, which will work closely with the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness.

CROWN HILL COMMUNITY APPLAUDS PEDESTRIAN OVERLAY

On May 30, City Council approved a measure amending Seattle Land Use Code to establish a permanent pedestrian overlay zone in the Crown Hill neighborhood. Most business and residential neighbors applaud this effort, which went beyond DPD's original recommendation for the size of this zone. The Council decision was not unanimous, since some council members expressed concern that interim development controls for this area, established over a year ago, were created in response to the impending development of a Seattle monorail station.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE

The Washington State Department of Agriculture completed the first Gypsy Moth Spraying treatment in a 100-acre area in the Madison Valley. The April 2006 and May 2, 2006 Gypsy Moth spraying was

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Gentrification Issues Gather Intense

INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST

Southeast District Council Visits Portland to Discuss Gentrification

As part of the ongoing discussion of redevelopment and gentrification issues in SE Seattle, the Southeast District Council took a one-day field trip to Portland to meet with community and government representatives and discuss their successes and challenges in attaining equitable development (i.e., growth without displacement). The trip was also an opportunity to discuss building community/government partnerships.

Fourteen participants from Seattle went on the Portland visit - three staff from the City of Seattle, including the Department of Neighborhoods and the Office of Policy Management; the Seattle Housing Authority; three members of the Washington Tenants Union; two members from LELO (Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing); the Homestead Community Land Trust, and two members the Southeast District Council.

The group met with the Portland Development Commission and the Bureau of Housing and Community Development to discuss the Interstate Urban Renewal Area. Created by Portland voters in 1958, PDC has taken forward 20 urban renewal plans that have helped change the face of the city. The Bureau of Housing & Community Development (BHCD) works on behalf of Portland's low-income house-

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holds to broaden access to stable housing and economic advancement. The Interstate Urban Renewal Area is located in NE Portland, where historically the African American community has resided. Both organizations spoke frankly about Portland's struggle to address the displacement of lower income residents as development progressed in the NE neighborhood.

The second half of the day was dedicated to meeting with community members in Portland to discuss their reactions and observations about the Interstate Renewal Area. The group met with Sisters in Action for Power to discuss their "Anti-Gentrification Campaign." Sisters in Action for Power is an intergenerational, multi-racial, multi-issue membership organization that works with low-income women and girls of color.

The final meeting of the day was with three community organizations: Coalition for Livable Future, Community Alliance of Tenants, and the Portland Community Land Trust. Coalition for Livable Future looks at regional equity issues including gentrification, including their Equity Atlas mapping project. Community Alliance of Tenants works to organize tenants in North and NE Portland. They received City funding to educate and recruit tenants into buying houses in this area to slow gentrification. Portland Community Land works to keep homes affordable forever by maintaining a community organization dedicated to the creation of high quality, affordable housing and the stewardship of land.

The trip was largely a confirmation of the failures of Portland's NE development plans not to displace large portions of poor, and largely Black, residents. Both Portland city officials and community activists shared their analysis of why the development had not been more equi-

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completed without incident. An additional date for treatment is tentatively mid-May. All four television stations provided extensive coverage on the treatment process. However, during the second treatment process, only one television station provided coverage.

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

When the school year ends, the renovation starts and the students will be attending the transitional school in the north end of Seattle. The two-year project, scheduled to begin construction in June, includes the renovation of two historic buildings and replacement of a 1962 gymnasium. The new gym building will also include an auxiliary gym, fitness center, 600-seat performing arts center, and a Seattle Parks operated Teen Life Center.

JACKSON PLACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES RISE IN HOUSING UNITS

Bill Bradburd, co-chair of the Jackson Place Community Council, reports that they will soon be inundated with a significant number of units to be developed in their neighborhood. Goodwill is planning to develop 450 units, Home Sight will be developing 95 units, Art Space will be developing 61 units, a private developer is planning an 89-unit develop on the 1200 block of Hiawatha Place, there are 95 units in the Stellina housing development, there are 28

Co-housing units at Dearborn and Hiawatha, Dearborn Commons is developing 20 units on Dearborn, and 17 units of town homes are planned for the 600 block of S Lane St. At 18th & Jackson, Fairfield Residential Limited Liability Corporation is developing 250 rental units. At 17th & Jackson the Central Area Development Association is developing 58 units of affordable housing.

Mr. Bradburd stated the community council has made recommendations in the Capital Improvement Project process, the Cumulative Reserve fund, the Neighborhood Street Fund, and applied for Neighborhood Matching dollars to complete a traffic study to make the neighborhood safe for the elderly and youth.

DELTRIDGE

OLD AND YOUNG COMING TOGETHER IN HIGHLAND PARK

A core group of people has formed to come up with a strategy to help sustain the Highland Park Improvement Club (HPIC). Longtime members felt encouraged this month when seven younger residents from the neighborhood joined the organization. A new member spent several hours with the current club secretary combing through club archives dating back to 1936. Some great "stuff" was discovered and

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now there are plans to develop a website showing the history of HPIC. The community and club members fear the organization would be forced to dissolve and their primary asset, the club house facility, sold to a developer. It is believed to be the oldest community club in Seattle. Over the years the club's membership has dwindled due to aging and deaths. Many of the current members have moved out of the area and haven't been able to maintain close connections with the community. The remaining elderly members have organized dance socials to attract new resident members but have had little success, possibly due to the type of music played (50s thru 60s).

DOWNTOWN

PIONEER SQUARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SQUARES OFF AGAINST DRUG DEALERS

During the week of May 22, the Pioneer Square Community Association organized its staff and local residents to draw attention to the drug activity at Fortson Square. They have set up a tent on 2nd and Yesler and are video-taping drug activity and collecting signatures to bring to the City Council and Mayor to ask them to help clean up the neighborhood. They will be continuing their efforts the week of May 29, in an effort to "take back their neighborhood". A banner has been displayed on the Harbor Lofts, which overlook the square that reads "Welcome to Fortson Square's Open Air Drug Market." An ad was also placed in the Stranger with the same message.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO PIONEER PARK

In response to an ongoing effort by the Department of Neighborhoods to address the safety concerns in Pioneer Park, the Parks Department SE Resource Manager indicated these improvements are being made at the park: maintenance occurring earlier in the day and more often (3 times/day), improved lighting being worked on, and new signage on order for all parks regarding code of conduct.

EAST DISTRICT

CHALLENGES TO CAL ANDERSON TEACART PROJECT

The Teacart Project at Cal Anderson Park is a homeless youth employment program created to train homeless youth as tea baristas and small business operators. This project is located at Cal Anderson Park and is run by the Capitol Hill Homeless Youth, Outreach Worker, and neighborhood volunteers and received a Small and Simple Matching Fund award.

table, stressing the need to start addressing these issues early, and with broad community participation.

Rainier Valley Forum on Development and Gentrification

The Southeast District Council (SEDC), Washington Tenants Union, and LELO (Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing) hosted a community forum recently on development and gentrification at the New Holly Gathering Hall.

The forum was part of the District Council's ongoing work to promote the SE Action Agenda and to discuss critical issues in the Rainier Valley. The goal of the forum was to discuss how to support equitable development in the Rainier Valley and minimize displacement and other possible negative impacts of future development. The District Council attracted a broad representation of SE residents along class, race, and ethnic lines. To this end, the District Council is in conversation with Policy Link, a national nonprofit research, communications, capacity building, and advocacy organization, working to advance policies to achieve economic and social equity.

PolicyLink, based in the Bay Area, collaborates with a broad range of partners to implement strategies to ensure that everyone—including those from low-income communities of color—can contribute to and benefit from economic growth and prosperity. Among their regional equity approaches is equitable development, a comprehensive local, regional, and state framework emphasizing equitable public investment, the fair distribution of affordable housing, and community strategies to improve health. 🌐

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Neighborbox

BUILDS COMMUNITY

When a new house was built in her Lakewood/Columbia City neighborhood a few years ago, Cheryl Brush, Complaint Investigator with the Citizens Service Bureau, said the neighbors all groused a bit about the increasing density. Then the Santana-Ufret family moved in and the grumbling stopped. Hailing from Puerto Rico, Carmen & Fernando and their daughters Veronica, 11, Gabriela, 8, and Adriana, 5, lead busy lives but still take the time to drive a neighbor with a broken leg to work or feed a vacationing neighbor's cat. Brush said talking over the back yard fence was difficult so her husband, Al Terry, installed a "window" and added a small mailbox that Brush and the girls use to exchange letters (and sometimes, gifts like a bottle of smelly seashore specimens from a recent trip to the beach!). 🌐



Pictured: Gabriela and Veronica Santana-Ufret and Cheryl Brush

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One month after its inauguration, this project is trying to achieve its goal of training homeless youth, while complying with the Parks Department requirement that all persons working at parks facilities have a clear criminal record. The problem is that the majority of homeless youth have a criminal record of some sort and by complying with the Parks requirement this project is losing many candidates for employment training.

The Teacart Project organizer will be looking at the possibility of moving the project outside the Parks facility if a compromise is not reached with Parks, or if their original mission is hindered by the requirements.

CAL ANDERSON PARK ORGANIZES AN ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation called into action a new organization created to address issues such as special events and musical performances, as well as other activities for Cal Anderson Park. The new organization is called Cal Anderson Park Special Events Committee (CAPSEC). Most of the neighbors participating in this organization are active promoting and overseeing the welfare of the Park and many are community activists that worked throughout the years in the original proposal that converted the Lincoln Reservoir into what it is now the new Cal Anderson Park.

The CAPSEC is in its early stages of organizing and has planned to increase its membership to fully represent the neighborhoods assigned; in addition, the committee will be recommending a series of activities for the summer of 2006.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROADWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

Last year the City Council identified and set aside \$400,000 for the Broadway business district to be used in revitalization efforts. This year the unspent money was no longer in the City's budget; instead the Office of Economic Development is working with a group of neighborhood leaders to develop a "Broadway Action Plan" to be submitted to the City before this summer to address the pressing issues of rehabilitation and development to the Broadway business district.

GREATER DUWAMISH

SOUTH PARK WANTS EPA AND PORT TO IMPROVE CLEAN UP

Over 150 people attended an EPA/Port of Seattle public meeting on the proposed "cleanup" plans for the Malarkey Asphalt plant, Terminal 117. South Park community members and representatives from the

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Duwamish River Clean up Coalition reiterated their concerns and dissatisfaction over the EPA's and Port's current clean up plan. The proposed clean up would only do enough so that the levels of toxic chemicals left behind would limit future uses to industrial only. The community has been very vocal that they would like to see it cleaned to the fullest extent despite the property's zoning. They would, however, also like the option that the land could possibly allow future physical improvements and possible redevelopment as called for in the Neighborhood Plan. Other concerns with the current proposal are the uncertainty of future contamination to the Duwamish River by groundwater from the site.

SEATTLE WORKS SPRUCES UP ASA MERCER

Approximately 70 Seattle Works volunteers gathered on Beacon Hill at Asa Mercer Middle School this year to help paint, weed, and clean in and around the school. The Seattle event featured nearly 1200 young volunteers located around the City at schools, parks, and non-profit locations participating in various beautification projects.

SOUTH PARK ACTION AGENDA

Weekly meetings with the South Park community continue as the Action Agenda planning is underway. Through a visioning process, the community has identified five key areas that will formulate priorities for the community. They are Public Safety, Infrastructure/Beautification, Business/Transportation, Youth Development, and Community Engagement.

LAKE UNION

NORTHWEST SEATTLE EXHIBIT AT HISTORY HOUSE OF GREATER SEATTLE

History House of Greater Seattle, located in Fremont, featured over 40 organizations and individuals from the Northwest Seattle area to share their stories through photo and caption exhibits, Power Point presentations, DVDs and videos. The exhibition will run from May 6 through July 30. City Councilmembers David Della and Tom Rasmussen, King County Councilmember Larry Phillips, and Washington State Representative Mary Lou Dickerson were at the Grand Opening event on May 6.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS RECOMMENDATION

The committee issued preliminary recommendations on which Seattle schools be closed or relocated in 2007. In the preliminary plan, the

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Coming Soon — A SKATEPARK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

With thousands of skateboarders in Seattle, and only two public skateparks, Seattle Parks and Recreation and a City Council-appointed task force are creating a citywide plan to help provide public facilities for this popular sport.

"We are interested in providing opportunities for active recreation to help offset the increase in obesity in our youth," said Ken Bounds, Parks Superintendent. "This citywide plan will be an important step in cre-



ating a variety of fun and safe places in Seattle for skateboarding, one of the fastest growing sports in the nation."

Grassroots interest in creating new skateparks is evident in grants that have been awarded through the Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund:

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- The South Park community obtained a small and simple grant to plan for the proposed River City Skatepark on S. Cloverdale St., east of Cesar Chavez Park.
- In northeast Seattle, the community has received funding for a new skatepark at Dahl Playfield.
- Neighborhood matching funds were instrumental in building the original skateboard facility in Ballard, which has now been replaced with the Ballard Bowl at the new Ballard Commons Park. The new bowl is popular with skaters and spectators alike, and a skateboard tournament was held at the bowl in June.

The Skatepark Advisory Task Force and Seattle Parks hosted several public meetings in June about the citywide skatepark



plan. Citizens provided a wide variety of ideas for potential skate park locations and commented on draft criteria for selecting future sites. This fall, the task force will draft recommendations for potential skatepark locations throughout the city, and will hold a series of public meetings to take comments on the recommended sites.

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committee suggested moving TOPS, a popular K-8 alternative program, to Thurgood Marshall Elementary in the Central District and move Montlake Elementary to the TOPS building. The move concerned TOPS parents, as the new site is 30,000 square feet less than its current site. Several community meetings were held after the preliminary report was issued. The committee's final recommendation did not include relocating TOPS from Eastlake to the Central District.

NORTH

CITY AND LAKE CITY CHAMBER WORK TOGETHER ON BUSINESS DISTRICT AND MINI-PARK PUBLIC SAFETY

The North District Coordinator and Parks Resources Manager prepared a "Focused Response Plan for the Lake City Mini-Park." They presented the plan at a meeting with SPD and Lake City Chamber of Commerce representatives. The group continues to work on ways to improve the Lake City Mini-Park and is also looking at the surrounding Lake City neighborhood business district. One measure being considered is an agreement among parking lot owners that a person trespassed from one lot will not be allowed in all other business district parking lots. Other measures include asking area stores not to sell single containers of alcoholic drinks, creating a Lake City area parks trespass program, having SPD officers visit the Mini-Park more often, and instituting programs, activities, and amenities at the Mini-Park.

CEDARVALE HOUSE AND VILLAGE RESIDENTS MINGLE AT "HEALTHY MEET AND EAT"

Nursing students from Seattle University and Cedarvale House's resident council hosted a Healthy Meet and Eat health and nutrition fair for residents. The event was designed to encourage interactions among the mostly elderly residents of the Cedarvale high-rise building and the younger families and children who live in the adjoining Cedarvale Village. Nutritious food and recipes and bike helmets were given out, and the kids had fun trying to break a piñata. Both the building and village are Seattle Housing Authority facilities. A Small Sparks award helped defray costs of the well-attended fair.

JOANN JORDAN WOWS GREATER LAKE CITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

JoAnn Jordan, of City Emergency Management, gave a highly informative, practical, and entertaining presentation to the Greater Lake City Community Council. She will speak at the North District Council's June meeting about how the City can support community groups on disaster readiness. In June, she will also speak to families and children from the North Seattle Family Center at a Small Sparks event hosted by residents of Lake City House.

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NEW NORTHGATE PARK MOVES A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY

In a long-awaited milestone for the Northgate community, both the King County and Seattle City Councils have approved the sale of the King County NE 112th St park-and-ride site to the City of Seattle for a future park. Replacement parking will come from the soon-to-be-built Lorig and Simon parking garages, expected to be finished in 2008. Although planning for the park is not yet funded, the Parks Department anticipates planning likely will occur in the 2007-2008 timeframe. The City will keep the Northgate Stakeholders apprised of the schedule for park planning and development and plans for public involvement. Thanks and congratulations are due to Velda Maye and all the other Northgate citizens who have worked hard to keep the future park vision alive.

NORTHEAST

DONUT DIALOG IV BRINGS NEW FACES AROUND THE TABLE

Donut Dialog IV was held on Wednesday, May 24 at the University Temple United Methodist Church, site of the nightly Young Adult Shelter. Six police officers, 20 youth, and 15 or so service providers and volunteers were part of the afternoon event. Ken Turner, former Community Police Team officer for the neighborhood, gave the opening basic rules and laws of the City, including some practical advice on "best practices" if you are dealing with the Police. At the tables, the conversations were revealing - youth comparing Seattle Police to police in other cities; youth laying out situations and officers they have encountered who were not respectful - the police describing similar experiences with homeless youth. And, once again, there was general consensus that these conversations help and should occur more frequently.

NORTHWEST

VIEWLANDS POTENTIAL CLOSURE UPSETS NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

The news that Viewlands Elementary School is on the list of potential school closures is disappointing news to the surrounding community, who believe that the school's exterior does not tell the story of what goes on inside. One resident has described Viewlands as "...an amazingly supportive community for all the children who go there including the 53% who qualify for free and reduced lunch, Aspergers & Autistic students, 48% minority children, homeless children, Hurricane Katrina victims and the highest percentage of children from single par-

The task force appreciates the Department of Neighborhood's help in getting the word out to folks about the public meetings in June. Many neighborhood groups included the information in their community bulletins, newsletters, calendars, websites and blogs.

For more information, please contact Parks Project Manager Susanne Friedman at [206-684-0902](tel:206-684-0902) or susanne.friedman@seattle.gov, or visit the project web page at: www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/skatepark.htm



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ent families in the north end..." Parents have also noted that although it is not a new building, all of the major systems are in excellent condition and the building itself is so well built it is one of the most earthquake resistant in the district, according to inspections following the Nisqually Quake.

BROADVIEW RESIDENTS URGE SUPPORT FOR LINDEN AVE N CIP REQUEST

The Broadview Community Council has recommended that the recently submitted CIP request for the Linden Multimodal Safety Improvement Project be included in the City's Capital Improvement Budget and be accorded top priority. The project area—Linden Ave N from N 130th St to N 145th St—is at the core of the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village. It currently has no sidewalks or curbs, the street shoulders are unpaved, and it is perilous to walk or bicycle on. There is a large population of condo and apartment dwellers, with several current or planned developments that will almost double the number of units. There is also a large proportion of seniors in the resident population, many with limited mobility. The proposed project would improve access and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and bus riders.

NELLIE GOODHUE SCHOOL PROPERTY SALE NEARS COMPLETION

Sale of the former Nellie Goodhue School property in the Haller Lake neighborhood is about to be completed, pending approval by the Seattle School Board in June. The prospective developer, Howland Homes, is scheduled to meet with Haller Lake residents at their June 2 community council meeting to discuss the community's ideas for development of the site, which has been zoned single-family residential.

SOUTHEAST

LESLIE MILLER, SE DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RECEIVES COMMUNITY AWARD

The Rainier Chamber of Commerce presented Leslie Miller, SE District Council President, the John Merrill Memorial Service Award in recognition of her "generous and selfless contribution to the Rainier Valley."

Leslie Miller has lived in the Rainier Valley for almost six years, where she was one of the founding members of ROSA (Rainier Othello Safety Association), working to improve safety and build community in the Brighton neighborhood. She has served as chair of the Southeast District Council for a year helping to implement the SE Action Agenda, during which time the council has increased and diversified its membership, held successful community forums, and strengthened relationships with the City, both with the Mayor's Office and the Office of Economic Development. In addition, she works as a freelance editor and writer and takes care of her children, ages four and one.

Organizing

Latino Basketball League, Summer Tournament Liga Latina de Basketball/Latino Basketball League \$31,000 \$15,000

Description: To give an opportunity to the Spanish speaking Latino youth and adults to play basketball in their own language. A place to gather as a community in a cultural environment. The summer tournament will have from twenty to thirty teams and will run from June 18, 2006 - September 3, 2006. We'll conduct a survey for future basketball projects.

Rainier Valley Community Leadership Southeast District Advocates \$ 8,650 \$15,000
Development and Outreach

Description: Southeast District Advocates seeks to facilitate and develop diverse community leadership in SE Seattle by contracting with a Leadership Development and Outreach Coordinator and paying stipends to existing community leaders for community work and events that increase diverse community participation in SE Action Agenda issues.

Totals \$39,650 \$30,000

NMF Totals

Neighborhood Planning Projects

Sector Totals:	Projects	Match Amount	NMF Amount
Total For East	1	\$ 24,967	\$ 8,50
Total For Northeast	4	\$ 29,091	\$ 28,128
Total For Northwest	2	\$ 14,375	\$ 21,986
Total For Southeast	5	\$ 67,580	\$ 61,550
Total For Southwest	2	\$ 44,128	\$ 28,127
Total For West	3	\$ 58,680	\$ 42,568
Grand Total:	17	\$238,821	\$190,859



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